

# NEED AND PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Need and Purpose Statement is a fundamental part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and the foundation of the Tier 1 EIS. The Need and Purpose provides the basis for identifying, evaluating, and screening corridor alternatives and will be a key component in selecting a Preferred Alternative for the Sonoran Corridor. The Need and Purpose is based on key transportation-related problems and issues identified in the designation of the Sonoran Corridor as a potential future transportation facility, and through agency and public input received during the scoping process.

## THE NEED FOR THIS PROJECT:

- Projected substantial population and employment growth in the corridor
- Increased congestion by 2045
- Insufficient system linkages for regional, interstate and international mobility to major study area destinations

## THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT IS TO:

- Accommodate future travel demand
- Improve 2045 Level of Service (travel efficiency) within the study area
- Provide alternate direct connection between I-10 and I-19 south of Tucson International Airport to reduce commercial and commuter travel times and cost